



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge **2006 Mobility-Impaired Hunt**

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge's 11th annual deer hunt managed for mobility-impaired hunters will be held on November 14 and 15, 2006. Only hunters who are dependent on wheelchairs for mobility are eligible to participate in this hunt. Each hunter must submit the enclosed form, signed by a doctor certifying that the hunt permit applicant is permanently dependent upon a wheelchair. (This requirement is waived for past hunt participants; their doctor's statement is on file.) The form must be returned to the Savannah Coastal Refuges office by 4:30 p.m., Friday, September 15, 2006.

Fifteen hunters will be selected by drawing on Monday, September 18 and notified that their permit will be issued following receipt of their \$12.50 permit fee* (due by October 16).

Each selected hunter may bring an attendant (if needed) who can assist the hunter. Attendants will not be permitted to hunt. The attendant may serve as the selected hunter's representative at the mandatory pre-hunt orientation program on Monday, November 13 at 5:00 p.m.

The enclosed map outlines the areas within which designated hunter sites are located. **Sites are available in both Georgia and South Carolina.** For further information regarding the refuge or hunt management, please contact the Savannah Coastal Refuges office at (912) 652-4415.

***Personal checks will not be accepted. Permit fees must be paid by cashier's check or money order.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Please read the following before completing the permit application for the deer hunt managed for mobility-impaired hunters on Savannah NWR.

The hunt will be limited to 15 hunters who will be selected by drawing. All applications must be received at the Savannah Coastal Refuges (SCR) office by 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2006. The permit drawing will be held Monday, September 18, 2006.

Eligibility requirements: Applicants for the mobility-impaired hunt shall be restricted to persons permanently confined to a wheelchair. Complete and return the enclosed statement of eligibility signed by a physician (hunters who submitted the form previously, or participated in a past hunt, are not required to resubmit this form). For more information, please call the SCR office at 912/652-4415.

Only one application may be submitted per hunter. Applicants who apply more than once for the hunt will be rejected. Only complete and correct applications will be eligible for the drawing.

A \$12.50 permit fee (cashier's check or money order, **no personal checks**, payable to U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service) is required of successful applicants and must be received at the Savannah Coastal Refuges office by October 16, 2006. Please do not submit payment until you receive notification.

Hunt permits are non-transferable and are valid only for the individual whose name appears on the permit.

All hunters, or their designated representatives, must attend a pre-hunt orientation meeting at the refuge maintenance center on Monday, November 13, at 5:00 p.m. Portions of the refuge in both South Carolina and Georgia will be open to wheelchair-dependent hunters; the appropriate state license will be required to hunt in either of these areas.

HUNTING REGULATIONS

Shotguns with slugs are the only weapons permitted.

Hunting will be from designated sites only. Selection of sites will be by drawing at the mandatory orientation meeting on the day before the hunt. All sites will be accessible by ATV or vehicle. Refuge staff, if needed, will assist hunters in getting to designated sites. Portable blinds are also available from the refuge.

Hunters may be accompanied by one able-bodied person who will participate in a non-hunting capacity.

Stand hours will be observed between 1/2 hour before sunrise to 9:00 a.m. and from 2 hours before sunset to sunset.

Bag limit: 5 deer (no more than three antlerless). "Bonus" tags will NOT be issued. Does taken in South Carolina must be tagged with state doe tags. South Carolina antlerless deer tags (\$5 each) can only be purchased (no credit cards) from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources office in Columbia (P. O. Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211).

All hunters and assistants are required to wear at all times an outer garment above the waist which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange material.

Please read the regulations attached before completing this application.

Your application (and physician's statement) must be received at refuge headquarters by 4:30pm, Friday, September 15, 2006 to be eligible for this hunt.

Mail the application, along with the signed physician's statement of eligibility, to:

**Savannah National Wildlife Refuge
1000 Business Center Drive
Parkway Business Center, Suite 10
Savannah, GA 31405**



**SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Deer Hunt for Mobility-Impaired Hunters
November 14 and 15, 2006
PERMIT APPLICATION**



NAME: _____
(Please print clearly)

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ - _____

Describe disability in detail: _____



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1000 Business Center Drive, Suite 10
Savannah, Georgia 31405



HUNTING PROGRAM FOR THE MOBILITY-IMPAIRED

Instruction to the examining physician:

This statement which you are being asked to verify will allow the individual identified to participate in refuge-sponsored hunting programs for those who are dependent on wheelchairs for mobility. The program is designed to accommodate only those individuals who would otherwise not be able to participate in hunting activities on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge. In order to qualify, the individual must be permanently confined to a wheelchair. A wheelchair must be the only form of mobility available for the permit applicant. This form is intended only to establish eligibility for an individual permit applicant to participate in the Savannah Refuge hunting programs for the non-ambulatory (wheelchair-dependent) individual.

**STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
NON-AMBULATORY HUNT PRIVILEGES AT
SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

I hereby verify that _____ (Applicant's name) is restricted to the use of a wheelchair for mobility. The applicant is not mobile without the aid of a wheelchair, and would be unable to participate in hunting activities on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge except through those activities and privileges granted to non-ambulatory hunters.

The use of a wheelchair by the applicant is permanent in nature. I understand that this is only a statement of eligibility for the applicant to apply for non-ambulatory hunting privileges at Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.

Signatures

Physician: _____

Applicant: _____

Refuge Officer: _____

Due Date: September 15, 2006